

HOUSE RESOLUTION 272
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of former Representative
Hugh Dixon of Carthage, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and former colleague Hugh Dixon, a member of the House of Representatives from the 86th General Assembly through the 90th Tennessee General Assembly, from 1969 until 1979; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Dixon was an exemplary and conscientious public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his constituents in the 16th Floterial District and the 38th House District in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon also served with acumen and great enthusiasm for many years as a businessmen and community leader, earning the respect of his clients and fellow citizens alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, born February 5, 1916, the son of Bailey R. and Ivy Wade Dixon, Hugh Dixon attended and graduated from the Trousdale County public school system; and

WHEREAS, in 1935, Hugh Dixon opened his first business, a gasoline station and general merchandise store; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Dixon and a business associate bought the International Harvester (I. H.) dealership in Carthage, Tennessee, in 1948, and he managed and operated this business for many years; and

WHEREAS, at the time of its sale in 1985, Hugh Dixon's International Harvester dealership was the oldest I. H. business in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of the American entrepreneurial spirit, Hugh Dixon also founded, owned, and operated Dixon-Stubblefield Limestone Company and Hugh Dixon Paving; and

WHEREAS, a diligent worker and devoted community leader, Mr. Dixon worked on his 1,700 acre farm in Trousdale County during his retirement years until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dixon served admirably for ten years in the House of Representatives, and he always represented his constituents with the utmost integrity and diligence; and

WHEREAS, a tireless advocate and supporter of education, Representative Dixon worked diligently to improve and strengthen Tennessee's educational system; he voted for legislation to increase teachers' salaries, and he also sponsored legislation for tougher laws and penalties for DUI offenders; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his illustrious tenure in the House, Hugh Dixon also served a term on the Trousdale County Court, a testament to his dedication to civic service; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dixon devoted his considerable abilities and his time to various civic, professional, and charitable organizations, including the Tennessee Road Builders Association, Tennessee Hot Mix Association, Tennessee Crushed Stone Association, Smith County Chamber of Commerce, and Green Hills Country Club; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Dixon was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, his many professional and civic accomplishments aside, Mr. Dixon was most thankful for the love and companionship he shared with his wife, Vincey Dixon; they were joined in holy matrimony on January 17, 1940; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Hugh Dixon always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Dixon was preceded in death by his parents, Bailey Radford and Iva Lee Dixon; four brothers, Voyne, Harley, Clay, and W. T. Dixon; and one sister, Adele Yeargan; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his loving wife, Vincey; daughter, Ms. Martha Dixon; nephew, James Dixon and wife Sue; two nieces, Becky Morgan and Connie Malone; three-

great-nephews, Chris Dixon, Phillip O'Malley, and Kit Rush; great-niece, Phyllis Knight; and great-great-niece, Ashley Dixon; and

WHEREAS, greatly respected and deeply admired by his many friends and colleagues, Mr. Dixon was a warm and affable man who loved Tennessee and took great pride in making his community and State a better place for all; his unmatched record in public service and business stands as a monument to a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, Hugh Dixon leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of our beloved colleague, Representative Hugh Dixon, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character as a legislator, public servant, and human being and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Dixon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.